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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SECRETARY

GENERAL MAREI

TO AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM AMBASSADOR MARTIN

WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY IN WRITING FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
SAYED MAREI, UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN CAIRO UNTIL ABOUT
MARCH 15.

BEGIN QUOTE IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I INITIATED THROUGH US
FAO REPRESENTATIVE IN ROME ABOUT WHEN YOU WOULD BE
AVAILABLE IN YOUR OFFICE IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS SEVERAL
PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE POINTS ON WHICH I FELT NEED FOR
YOUR ADVICE, HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT YOU MAY NOT BE AGAIN
IN NEW YORK UNTIL SOMETIME IN MAY. THESE QUESTIONS CAN
WAIT, THOUGH I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SAVE AN HOUR OR SO FOR
ME SHORTLY AFTER YOUR RETURN.

HOWEVER, THIS TIMING PRESENTS PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO
PROPOSING A US CANDIDATE AS YOUR DEPUTY, PRESUMABLY
WORKING UNDER YOUR DIRECTION IN SECRETARIAT HEADQUARTERS
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OF WFC IN NEW YORK. WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH A VERY

SENIOR AND EXPERIENCED PERSON, BUT HE IS NOT UNNATURALLY
RELUCTANT TO MAKE A DECISION WITHOUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO

MEET HIS BOSS AND DISCUSS WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT OF HIM
PENDING YOUR RETURN IN ORGANIZING AND DEVELOPING THE WORK
PROGRAM OF THE SECRETARIAT IN GENERAL AND OF THE NEW YORK
OFFICE IN PARTICULAR. I ASSUME YOU WANT HIM ON THE JOB
BEFORE MAY. I SHOULD THINK YOU WOULD WANT TO PASS
JUDGMENT ON HIM AS WELL.

I SHOULD THINK OUR CANDIDATE WOULD ALSO WANT TO KNOW
WHETHER AS OCCUPANT OF THE ECOSOC DESIGNATED DEPUTY
POSITION AND AS DEPUTY IN NEW YORK, HEADQUARTERS OF
THIS UN SECRETARIAT, HE HAS ANY ROLE WITH RESPECT TO
THE OTHER TWO "DEPUTIES" WHEN YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN
EITHER YOUR NEW YORK OR ROME OFFICES. FOR SHORT
PERIODS OF TIME THIS IS, OF COURSE, NOT IMPORTANT, BUT
WHEN YOU ARE TRAVELING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, AS I AM SURE
YOU WILL FIND NECESSARY TO DO YOUR JOB, IT WOULD SEEM
DESIRABLE FOR HIM TO KNOW EXACTLY WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR WHAT IN FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE PREPARATORY
WORK.

I AM WATCHING WITH MUCH INTEREST, AS I AM SURE YOU ARE,
WHAT ROLE THE FOOD PROBLEM WILL HAVE IN THE SPECIAL
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOW SCHEDULED FOR
APRIL 9. IT SEEMS SURE TO COME UP SOMEHOW.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE FERTILIZER PROBLEM,
THOUGH WITHOUT MUCH CONCRETE TO SHOW FOR IT YET. BUT
AT THE FAO FERTILIZER COMMISSION MEETING THIS SUMMER WE
MUST TRY TO PRODUCE SOMETHING. KNOWING YOUR KEEN
INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT, I AM SURE YOU ARE PUSHING
FOR THIS TOO. I AM PLEASED THAT IBRD IS WORKING ON
THIS FOR US. SINCERELY, EDWIN M. MARTIN END QUOTE

IN DELIVERING THIS LETTER I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU
WOULD OFFER YOUR FACILITIES FOR TRANSMITTING ANY REPLY
HE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE. KISSINGER

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